

Summary of the Invention

Page 3, lines 16-24, should be amended as follows:

The present invention provides a method of operating a time division duplex based wireless communications system ~~according to claim 1~~ and a base station ~~according to claim 10~~. The method comprises the steps of establishing, at the base station, a **Resource Metric Mapping Function** ~~Radio Resource Mapping Function~~ (RMMF); deriving from said RMMF, from both the mean value and standard deviation of the received signal to interference ratio (SIR) for all users, and from estimates of channel load conditions and interference levels, a Resource Metric Region (RMR) showing the number of users experiencing acceptable quality of service; and deciding, on the basis of the RMR, whether to admit a newly arriving call.